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1. AT IA NEGOTIATIONS MEETING JULY 10, 1974, DISCUSSION CONTINUED
ON ARTICLE 7 (CHANGES) COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS IA (C-E).
TURKS (ASULA) CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR U.S. ACCEPTANCE
EXEMPLARY LIST NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND TO REJECT IDEA OF
EXEMPLARY LIST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. TURKS PROPOSED APPENDING
LIST NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO IA. U.S. (BOEHM) CONTINUED
ARGUMENTS FOR LIST OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND PROPOSED ORAL AGREE-
MENT TO ATTEMPT PREPARE LISTS WHICH WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM IA AND
NOT REFERENCED THEREIN; IF LISTS DRAWN UP AND AGREED TO, THEY

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COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR ADDITION AS APPENDIX TO IA.

2. EACH SIDE REPEATED ARGUMENTS REPORTED REFTELS. U.S. CONTINUED TO URGE ACCEPTANCE TEXT OF JUNE 26 (REPORTED REFTELS B AND C.) TURKS THEN TABLED NEW PROPOSAL WHICH ADDS FOL SENTENCE TO MAIN TEXT AND AGREED MINUTE OF JUNE 26 DRAFT: QUOTE THE EXAMPLE LIST OF NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IS APPENDED HERETO. UNQUOTE. TURKS CHARACTERIZED NEW PROPOSAL AS CONCESSION BEYOND WHICH THEY COULD NOT GO AND RUGED U.S. ACCEPTANCE.

3. U.S. RECALLED IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS WE HAD MADE IN RECOGNITION TURKISH CONCERNS WITH SPECIAL NATURE OF C-E OPERATIONS. U.S. SAW NO CONCESSION IN NEW TURKISH PROPOSAL, WHICH FAILED TO RESPOND TO U.S. CONCERNS. U.S. COULD NOT ACCEPT NEW FINAL SENTENCE IN TURKISH DRAFT AND COULD NOT GO BEYOND JUNE 26 DRAFT. U.S. SUGGESTED, SINCE THIS WAS LAST MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK, THAT EACH SIDE SHOULD PREPARE EXEMPLARY LISTS FOR SUBMISSION TO OTHER WHEN NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED IN SEPTEMBER. TURKS REPORTED THEY WERE ALREADY WORKING ON LIST NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES. U.S. THEN SUGGESTED PLENARY COULD DROP LISTS ENTIRELY LEAVING THEM TO SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH SUMMER. JUNE 26 TEXT WOULD REMAIN AS AGREED FOR ARTICLE 7.

4. TURKS NOTED THEY COULD ACCEPT IDEA OF DROPPING LISTS FROM PLENARY IF U.S. COULD ACCEPT DELETION MODIFIER "SIGNIFICANT" BEFORE "CHANGES" IN MAIN TEXT AND AGREED MINUTE ARTICLE 7. U.S. REITERATED THAT DELETION UNACCEPTABLE SINCE LANGUAGE LEFT WOULD REQUIRE U.S. TO NOTIFY TGS IN ADVANCE OF ALL CHANGES NO MATTER HOW MINOR.

5. BOTH SIDES FINALLY AGREED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION ARTICLE 7 SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL RESUMPTION IN NEGOTIATIONS SEPTEMBER. U.S. SUGGESTED THAT IF ISSUE REMAINED UNRESOLVABLE, IT MIGHT HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DCS. TURKS SHOWED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM OF THIS IDEA.

6. ARTICLE 9D. U.S. SUPPORT OF TURKISH-USED CIRCUITS AND TERMINALS: TURKS FORMALLY TABLED THEIR PROPOSAL OF JUNE 8, 1974, WHICH HAD BEEN HANDED BOEHM BY ASULA IN PRIVATE MEETING (REPORTED ANKARA 4496) AND ASKED IF WE HAD RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON. TURKS INFORMED NO RESPONSE RECEIVED AS YET. BOEHM SAID HE
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WOULD FOLLOW-UP IN WASHINGTON.

7. TURKISH CHAIRMAN ASULA EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT PROGRESS MADE ON C-E EVEN THOUGH ARTICLES 7 AND 9 REMAINED OPEN.

HE NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THIS WOULD BE LAST MEETING FOR MSA COUNSELOR BOEHM AND AGREED WITH TENTATIVE DATE OF MID-SEPTEMBER FOR RESUMPTION IN NEGOTIATIONS.

8. COMMENT: MSA COUNSELOR BOEHM LEAVES FOR HOME LEAVE AND TRANSFER NEXT WEEK. SUCCESSOR EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MID-AUGUST AND WILL NEED AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS' PREPARATION BEFORE CHAIRING U.S. DELEGATION AT HIS FIRST IA MEETING. SUBCOMMITTEES HAVE MANDATE TO CONTINUE THEIR WORK BUT DUE TO TRANSFERS AND VACATION PLANS ON BOTH SIDES, ARE NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE MUCH PROGRESS BEFORE RESUMPTION PLENARY SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER.
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